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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to see what might be possible with the amendment. Who knows what I might do for the purpose of clarification. Do you think there would be greater clarity if the term "unborn children" were to be substituted for "human embryos"? Or you're not sure?

SENATOR SMITH: Looking at the public policy and the term "unborn children," I can see a little mischief taking place with one person's consideration of unborn children and another person's perception of that. So we would need to discuss that further, because I sense that you might be heading in the direction of a ban only on reproductive cloning.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You say you sense that?

SENATOR SMITH: That is what ...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that the same...

SENATOR SMITH: ... I speculate, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that the same as having a hunch?

SENATOR SMITH: (Laugh) That's probably the case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, have you analyzed the committee amendment? Or haven't you given a great amount of time to it?

SENATOR SMITH: I have analyzed the committee amendment, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you consulted with people whom you trust about this amendment, and those people have an understanding of the area this bill is addressing?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are these people known primarily for their scientific knowledge, or their religious knowledge and orientation?